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Editorial Correspondence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7, 1859.
The Legislature assembled yesterday and owing to the fact that Lieut. Gov. Hammond has gone South on account of his health, the Senate organized by electing John R. Craven President and all the officers of last session. The House is organized precisely as during the extra session, although there was a determined effort to defeat Speaker Gordon. The opposition carried everything before them and have when united, a clear working majority in both branches. The effect of this union of the opposition to the Leavenworth Democracy is salutary, in many respects. It makes them a united party in this State and binds them fast together preparatory for the great contest of 1860. The Legislature being organized just as was the extra session, it will very much facilitate business and advance the general interest. The committees will sit the same, and they can commence now just where they left off some ten days ago, and the large amount of unfinished business left on the files of the other session, can be taken up and examined and finished.

Last evening the bogus Senator Graham of New York spoke to his Leavenworth friends in this city. It was a dull affair, as the distinguished pretender is not a brilliant man. He strongly favored the Leavenworth Constitution and said that the English bill should have been satisfactory to every Democrat. He showed the most unfeeling hate to Mr. Douglas and denounced him as the immediate cause of all the difficulty in the Democratic party. He said that Douglas "separated him self from his political associates by the most reckless course of conduct, and his friends now had the audacity to cry out that he was persecuted." He hoped the winter was ended, but he had fears the end was not yet. "He evinced an under current of hostility to the Little Giant that was bitter, determine and belligerent. He showed that the Leavenworthites had determined to make war on him to the knife—that the whole power of the Administration would be brought to effect his overthrow.

The bogus Senator's speech fell stillborn, and the moment he concluded, such deafening shouts went up for Ryan—Dick Ryan, Gooding, and Wallace that the old dome of the State House fairly trembled above the excited crowd. Ryan, not being present, Gooding—and Leavenworth Democratic Senator from Hancock—took the stand. Gooding is a bold, independent speaker, and he handled the "bogus" without gloves. He said if war was to be made on Senator Douglas by the Administration at Washington and Leavenworth generally, he was in for the fight—he counted the rencounters and backscars on the count. He said he had become tired of being supinely at his belly to the South and her peculiar institution, and he now intended to stop. He said he had voted to support the slave interest as long as he intended to—he had followed party at the sacrifice of principle, but in the future he would, like Mr. Douglas go with his principles wherever their logical sequence would lead him. Gooding railed, denounced and defied Leavenworth generally, and Fitch in particular. He claimed to be a true Democrat and that all who had gone after Leavenworth, were out of the Democratic fold—that instead of being ready himself to lead them out of the party. That he and his political friends asked no favors, but they would for a time keep open the Democratic church to take back Leavenworth sinners.

When Gooding commenced speaking, John L. Robinson and a small squad of intense Leavenworthites and individual adherents, left the Hall in express disgust. This however did not disturb the rest of the hearers and the assembly remained. The result of this speech of Fitch is ominous. It shows that the disaffection in the Democratic party is incurable, unless he can be converted.

Paid ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR HIS WORK.—The Detroit Free Press tells "a story of real life," which, leaving out the embellishments, is to the effect that a gay young man in distant Norway eloped with the young wife of an older man, and with her took up his abode in Detroit. The dissolute husband after the lapse of two years found himself in that city, and discovered the runaways; he fled into the arms of his long lost spouse and insisted on staying there; she objected, and her parson made the old chap believe that he was "thick" with the rulers of the land, and would have him hung up in short order unless he desisted finally, by paying \$100 to the parson, the old man recovered his wife; they took lodgings elsewhere; soon they ran out of funds and were kicked into the street; the woman returned to her old quarters, where she was well received, and the old man, a victim of broken folly and woman's perversity, was consigned to a vagrant's quarters; here the curtain drops.

A SMALL KEG OF brass filings, worth perhaps two dollars, was sold recently to parties in Newark, N. J., as gold dust, for five hundred dollars, the parties selling representing themselves as in pressing need of money and willing to sell at a great sacrifice. When the "dust" was taken to New York, the old adage was found true, that all is not gold that glitters. One of the swindlers was arrested, but indignantly repudiated any intention of swindling. He said there had been a mistake in the keg taken, that he would make it all right, and, as an evidence of his sincerity, insisted that the "dodded" individuals should "keep a bar of gold" till he should verify the error. This was accepted, and he went off to correct the mistake. It is needless to say that he never returned, or that the bar of gold turned out to be a bar of galvanized iron.

A movement is on foot, at Wilmington, Delaware, to stop the charter of any more lotteries in the State.

A convention of editors and publishers of Indiana will be held at Indianapolis on the 15th of January 1859.

How DOUGLAS IS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.—The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says a wild hallucination has settled down upon those in this city who assume to speak for the National Administration. The more the people applaud the more these arrogant few resist and oppose.

The last exhibition is a foregone conclusion to put Senator Douglas, on his arrival here, into such a position as may compel him to send or accept a challenge to fight a duel. I need not particularize, but the letters of certain individuals lately published clearly point to this end. Let us, in all candor, whether there has not been enough of this savage malignity? Do these politicians suppose that the people of the United States can ever approve the course which has been pursued against Judge Douglas by the Administration and its school? Stephen A. Douglas is at this moment public property. He cannot justify himself to his country by permitting any one to force him into a personal fight. It is unnecessary that he should prove that he is a man of courage. His whole life has shown that. Hence, it is his duty to bear himself in such a manner, on his arrival here, as will put men to the shame who are thirsting for his blood. The people will take care of them.

The people will make no sacrifice, except to aid, and while the flames were raging, enlisted in the calamity and sought to infuse in the minds of others, their malignity; nor can I envy the author of the above article for feelings that actuated him in his publication; but must rank them beneath those, who, during and after the fire, appropriated the dead property to their own use; as the one sought to destroy what would not be repaired, while the other took, perhaps, what he needed and what could be easily replaced.

C. GILBERT.

Mrs. CUNNINGHAM AND HER DAUGHTERS.

BURGESS, the New York correspondent of the Boston Journal, why is supposed to be Matthew Hale Smith, Mrs. Cunningham Burgess' legal counsel—writes to contradiction of the rumors of at the lady is living in luxury and that her daughters have made fine matrons. He says Mrs. C. does not live in Twenty Third Street, but in Forty Eighth Street. She is not in "easy circumstances," but is reduced and poor. The "elegant mansion" is a house in a block on the new upper street, for which she is indebted to the kindness of the owner till spring. Her house is not entirely furnished, the most of it not at all, and what is, is of the commonest style. All the ordinary avenues of employment open to most women are closed against her. The prejudices against this woman was never stronger than now, and having esp'ed all she had to defend herself in court of law, she is now very poor, and would keep a boarding house or do any honorable thing to get a living, if she could do so. Her daughter Augusta has not been "married to a Southern blighter," but to a young man in this city, who has not one dollar to rely upon but what he earns fr day to day, and the rumour about Helen is as specious as the rest of the story.

17 A NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT OF A NEW ORLEANS PAPER SAYS THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A WEDDING IN THIS CITY, A FEW DAYS SINCE: The father of the bridegroom was sick and not able to attend the wedding, but desired to see the bride in her bridal dress. So immediately after the performance of the ceremony, the "happy party" stepped into a carriage and drove to his residence. On their arrival, they found sidewalk, steps, hall and stairs covered with flowers, and in addition to the warm congratulations of the old gentlewoman, the bride received the visit of an elegant young woman, superbly furnished and fitted up in every respect.

17 The Chicago Times in the course of an article on the Butler and Sill bill controversy, gives the facts in the case of the Mississippi plantation of Judge Douglas, as follows:

Mr. Douglas married a lady in North Carolina; her father owned a plantation in Mississippi, and when he died he left the plantation and slaves to her daughter and her children. The plantation and slaves existed in Mississippi long before Mr. Douglas married; if any portion of the slaves at present on the Mississippi plantation were removed, there from N. Carolina, it is probable, that the greater portion, if not all of them, were taken there long before the death of Mrs. Douglas.

CARRIERS.—The Indianapolis Journal of yesterday says: members of the Legislature, of both parties, were in consultation last night over the organization of the two branches thereof. The Democrats held a regular caucus. The Republicans of the House agreed on the officers of the extra session for their nomination. The Administration Democrats will support Mr. Blythe for Speaker.

17 We learn from the New Albany Ledger, that Judge Claypool, in a recent case tried in the Marion Circuit Court, decided the "Show-shoe Law," passed by the legislature extra session, unconstitutional and void.

THE DOUGLASS MRS. REED.—The friends of Senator Douglas in this city, says the Indiana Republicen Journal, voted the caisson last night, in justification over his re-election as Senator by the Legislature of Illinois.

17 Australia Guy—a new prospector at the mouth of Cherry Creek, Kansas Gold District, is impaving very rapidly. There are twenty-five houses already put up, and three hundred more under construction.

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